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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, §1.98, and MPEP §609, applicant encloses a copy of the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A for consideration by the Examiner. The references are discussed/cited in the enclosed European Search Report from a corresponding application, dated 06 September 2007. An English translation of the reference FR2522102 is not being submitted herewith, as it is unavailable. However, relevance of this reference in comparison to the present invention is discussed in the background section of the present application. Such discussion is not meant to be exhaustive of the differences between the present invention and the reference, but merely illustrative.

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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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